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Memorial service Friday for Jones

A local memorial service for a slain Norfolk, Va., police officer who was a native of Livingston County will be held this week.



Jones

County will be held this week. Lola Pente-costal Church is hosting a memorial for Brian Jones at 7 p.m. Friday. Jones, who left Livingston County to join the Navy after high school, had been a Norfolk police officer for five years when he was shot and killed in the line of duty on May 30. A funeral was held for the officer last month in Norfolk, where Jones is buried.

Jones is survived by his wife and three young children. Much of his family, including his parents, still reside in the local area.

Fiscal court alters meeting schedule

Crittenden Fiscal Court beginning this month will alter its monthly meeting schedule. Instead of meeting on the third Tuesday of each month as the fiscal court has for several years, from this point forward, magistrates and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom will meet on the third Thursday of each month for a regular meeting. The change in schedule was approved at May's fiscal court meeting in order to avoid conflicts that often arise as well as to improve the timing of public notices.

The fiscal court will meet for the first time on the new schedule next week. Meetings will still begin at 8:30 a.m. in the judge-executive's courthouse office.



Air Evac Lifeteam soon operational

Air Evac Lifeteam's Marion base at Crittenden Health Systems is expected to become operational around the middle of this month. To help prepare the public, the air medical service will host an information and registration day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the lobby of CHS.

Sign-ups for fair pageants begin

Registration is now under way for the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair pageants on July 24, 28 and 29 to be held at Fohs Hall in Marion. The pageants consist of Little Mr. and Miss Crittenden County, Miss Preteen Crittenden County, Miss Teen Crittenden County and Miss Crittenden County. For registration information, see the ad inside this week's issue of The Crittenden Press or contact Natalie Parish at redbamphotos@yahoo.com or (270) 871-1383.

Public meetings

- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday in the judge-executive's courthouse office.
- Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday at the judicial center in Smithland.



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Audit of county offices finds problems

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

A state audit of the 2013 financial records of Crittenden Fiscal Court has discovered several problems, including a finding that former Jailer Rickey Riley apparently utilized detention center canteen funds for personal use. The discoveries have led to an investigation by Kentucky State Police into the potential misuse of funds at Crittenden County Detention Center under Riley.

Last week, Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts Adam

Edelen released the annual audit of Crittenden Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, documenting nine areas of non-compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants as well as material weaknesses involving the internal control over financial operations and reporting. Six of the issues discovered by the audit are related to the jail.

According to the audit report, under Riley's watch, more than \$11,000 in jail canteen disbursements made were cause for concern among

auditors. Specifically, during testing of canteen disbursements, auditors noted that 30 of the 50 items – or \$11,505 of the \$27,372 – tested did not have any supporting documentation or were for questionable expenses. Some of those expenses appeared to be personal in nature.

"The former jailer paid taxes on his personal vehicle from canteen funds, purchased a refrigerator and freezer and took them to his home," the report states.

A jail canteen is a store

within a correctional facility from which inmates may purchase products such as hygiene items, snacks, writing instruments, etc.

Riley resigned his post last August, citing health reasons. Phil Parker was appointed as his replacement and will continue serving in that capacity until a new jailer is elected in November.

Stephenie Hoelscher, communications director with the state auditor's office in Frankfort, said the amount paid for insurance on Riley's vehicle

was \$142.10. The refrigerator and freezer were \$190 for both, she added. Since the audit, the appliances have been turned over to the county, according to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

Auditors also found that Riley did not obtain jail-related medical bills from a doctor and nurse practitioner. Instead, the combined expenses of \$4,050 were documented by handwritten notes and on letterhead. Six credit card invoices

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Fond memories



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

H.M. "Roni" Asbridge of Marion fondly recalls his days in elected office in Crittenden County. Asbridge, 80, was elected as sheriff, judge-executive and jailer during his years in politics. Above, Asbridge holds a framed 1983 Evansville Courier article on his political career while he was serving as Crittenden County's top elected official.

Asbridge recalls his political career with joy, perspective

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

Hanging on the walls of his home are several reminders of a political career that saw H.M. "Roni" Asbridge hold three different elected countywide offices in Crittenden County – sheriff, judge-executive and jailer.

There is a large calendar from his time in office as judge-executive picturing him with Kentucky's former Republican U.S. Sen. John Sherman Cooper while at the annual Fancy Farm Picnic and another with him alongside former GOP President Gerald Ford and then-Jefferson County Judge-Executive Mitch McConnell before becoming a Republican U.S. Senator from Kentucky. And there's also a wall calendar from his time as sheriff.

If you hadn't guessed it from the polit-

ical company he keeps, Asbridge is a Republican to the core.

At 80 years old, Asbridge has gathering health problems, but none have affected his memory. He could regale listeners for hours about his time and experiences in office. He might even pepper in a few stories of his life when he stood outside of the world of politics as a farmer or factory worker.

But to be certain, elected office was his favorite occupation. And his favorite time in public office was as sheriff from 1977 to 1981.

"I could come nearer serving the public," he said of the job.

Asbridge was working as a farmer and employee of Potter & Brumfield when he

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Victory Gardens to begin produce giveaway Tuesday

By **JASON TRAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Despite a slow start because of a cool spring, the first produce giveaway from the Victory Gardens is scheduled for next week at the gardens' location in Marion.

Robbie Kirk, one of the organizers of the Victory Gardens, said vegetables will be given away once a week, beginning at 9 a.m. each Tuesday on a first come, first served basis until supplies are exhausted. Kirk indicated that without the help of inmates from the Crittenden County Detention Center this year, it was decided a weekly giveaway was the best option.

Kirk expects vegetables such as yellow squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, okra, bell peppers, onions and green beans will be available on the first day of giveaway.

As of June 27, Kirk said all 28 gardens had been planted. Cold weather earlier in the spring delayed planting.

"There's more of a need, and I think that's going to increase from year to year."

— **Robbie Kirk**

on the demand for produce from the community Victory Gardens

"I think most gardens are going to be late. Some of them have done better than others. We had a hard time getting started because of the damp, cold weather. But they're taking off now," Kirk said of the garden plots.

Abundant sunshine along with steady summer rainfall to keep the soil moist has helped gardens in the area, as have warm, but not excessively hot temperatures. Kirk expects a steady supply of vegetables and offers his appreciation to the faithful volunteers who have helped maintain the veg-

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Several new Kentucky laws to begin Tuesday

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Starting next week, domestic violence victims will have easier access to gun permits, consumers will get an added safeguard over personal information, and some Kentucky nurses will have broader prescription writing authority.

Those are among the more than 100 new laws taking effect Tuesday as a result of this year's General Assembly, affecting everything from health care and adult protection to concealed-carry laws and voyeurism.

Under the changes to Kentucky's gun statute, anyone who obtains an emergency protective order or a domestic violence order may receive a temporary concealed-carry permit for up to 45 days with-

out undergoing the normal training on firearms safety and state law.

Critics of the bill argued that it would promote more gun violence and said women are more likely to get killed when firearms are present in a domestic violence situation.

Kentucky State Police will be required to issue or deny applications for temporary licenses as soon as possible, though victims still must pass a background check. Applicants can receive a permanent license if they later complete the training requirement.

State police issued 59,530 concealed-carry licenses in 2013 – up from the 10,884 in

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Without some common sense, science going to blind us all

Scientists are working against Bigfoot.

Now, if they'd only take up arms against pawn shops, maybe I would get my old History Channel back.

Yes sir, Yeti is in trouble.

According to an Associated Press report last week from London, it appears that DNA testing of hair samples allegedly left by the legendary beast have proven to be from more mundane creatures such as bears, wolves, cows and raccoons.

Dang!

Here we go again, letting science take the fun out of unsolved mysteries.

The same technology that's freeing folks we said were murderers 20 years ago is



knocking the socks off one of our favorite pastimes – ghost stories.

Thirty-six hair samples tested by Oxford University have yet to reinforce anything akin to a mythical beast that some think may have descended from Neanderthals. Quite to the contrary, the testing is telling us that seldom-seen, deep-forest-dwelling

monsters don't exist, or at least that the evidence we have in hand is worthless.

Now, before all you anti-Abominable Snowmen aficionados start the parade, let me remind you that science has blown a few things over the years. Remember Chernobyl? Or how about the revelation that birds evolved from dinosaurs?

Scientific technology also brought us acronyms such as DDT, CFCs and PCBs. Useful at first, they said, but lethal today. And get this, some are allegedly depleting the ozone. Right?

Global warming. You know that story.

Do you know who made the stuff that's irreversibly

damaging the earth? We did.

That's right, the same scientists who are rattling the world's cage and telling us to stop burning coal are the ones who told us years back that all pesticides were cool. Now, we know some of them cause birth defects, cancer, respiratory problems, reproductive issues and neurological disorders. "So says science."

Whether fossil fuels are killing us or not, I cannot attest. What I know is that without coal to burn, we're going to starve to death in Kentucky.

Within 10 years, current U.S. policy will virtually eliminate coal mining in our area. That will mean big Chevy trucks and new homes will be

as scarce in Crittenden and neighboring counties as Yeti is in Britain.

I know this story has taken an odd turn from Bigfoot to Big Brother. The problem is that without some common sense, we're going to all be blinded by science.

Today's cures are tomorrow's diseases. That is a time-tested and proven fact.

The universe is a constantly changing place, or so scientists have told us. The earth is ever-evolving.

Unless there is a parallel universe that illuminates to us everything we know is indeed absolute truth, then we're all reaching for something that may not exist. Just like Yeti.

July 4 injury crash leads to DUI charge

Trooper 1st Class Darron Holliman, who investigated the

Nashville crash kills former Marion man

Knight and a passenger.

2 arrested on drug charges in Marion

From the traffic stop, a search warrant was issued for

Funding for child care aid restored

The Lexington Herald Leader reports Gov. Steve Beshear announced late last month that funding for the program would be restored on Aug. 4 and the eligibility requirement would be loosened.

—The Associated Press

Ky. gets D- in help for working parents

McKenzie Cantrell, employment attorney with the Kentucky Equal Justice Center, said a good first step for the state would be to expand family medical leave protections to smaller businesses.

The report from the National Partnership for Women

A bill to increase Kentucky's minimum wage passed the state House earlier this year but died in the Senate. In Congress, there is proposed legislation, known as the Family And Medical Insurance Leave Act, to establish a national paid program for family and medical leave.

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Riley claims in a response

- The former jailer should

"The auditors suggested we look into this a little bit further, and that's what we're doing," Johnson said.

The investigation is ongoing.

Newcom said many of the problems pointed out in the re-

For an electronic copy of the auditor's report and an accompanying news release, visit auditor.ky.gov and click on the Local Government Audits link under the Audit Reports dropdown menu. The report was released on June 30.

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Personal data breaches

That change comes in re-

Nurses and prescriptions

Advance practice registered

- Adult protection. Senate Bill 98 will create an adult abuse registry to help employers in the adult care profession determine if a prospective employee has a previous history of substantiated adult abuse, neglect or exploitation.

- Boaters. SB 66, known as the “Boater Freedom Act,” will require boating enforcement officers to have a reasonable suspicion of violation of the state’s boating laws before boarding and inspecting a boat on Kentucky waterways.
- Bullying. SB 20 will des-

- Human trafficking. SB 184 will allow a person's record to be cleared of a non-

(The Courier-Journal contributed to this story.)

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No ordinary job

With no law enforcement experience and just more than four years removed from earning his GED, Asbridge took his interest in politics and concern for the people to the courthouse in Marion.

Asbridge also acted as wit-

A higher calling

Today, the water district

One final run

In 1993, Asbridge successfully ran for county jailer, carrying all 12 precincts in the general election against Democrat James O'Neal. Because the state altered its election schedule to piggyback local

The couple raised three children together. One of their two daughters died at the age of 31. The other lives in Princeton. They have a son in Ed-dyville. The couple also has six grandchildren, whose pictures

Drop a few letters from that name and you get a man whose personality is as unique as his name.

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Kirk expects to see a large number of people take advantage of the free vegetable giveaway because prices for every-day items, from food to fuel, keep rising.

Kirk said the project is something that needs to be done for those who require additional food assistance, pointing to both the elderly and young couples.

This is the third summer for the victory gardens in Crittenden County.

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Patriotic salute

Last Wednesday, on the 238th anniversary of approval by the Second Continental Congress of a resolution declaring America's independence from Great Britain, the 13th annual community patriotic service was held at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. Each year since 9/11, retired Army National Guard Col. Barry Gilbert of Marion has organized the patriotic service held on the Wednesday before July 4, inviting local churches to participate in a community service dedicated to honoring veterans, current military personnel and all local emergency responders. Above, Marion Baptist Church Music Director Jason Dunbar leads a community choir in patriotic hymns. At right, keynote speaker Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Gulf War, addresses the crowd of several dozen. "Our forefathers understood the importance of God," Newcom said to a standing ovation.



International Belt reunion scheduled locally

STAFF REPORT

A Belt family reunion in Crittenden County next month is expected to draw international visitors. According to Mike Copsy of Charleston, Ill., the reunion is centered around Humphrey Belt who came to America from England in 1635. Belt arrived in Virginia at the age of 20 and descendants began to move west, arriving in western Kentucky, predominantly Crittenden County, according to Copsy. "The Belts are spread throughout the country and around the globe," said Copsy, who is organizing the two-day reunion. "We have members

in Canada that trace their link...down from Humphrey. We also have known family in Australia and, of course, England. Copsy said the local family name Hackney can also be traced to the Belts as well as others. "So if anyone believes they share a connection to the Belts, please join us at the reunion," he said. The reunion is slated for Aug. 16 and 17. The first day will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. "We will have pictures taken of individuals and families," Copsy said. "It's a casual

setting for visiting and conversing." Food will be provided for a minimal fee to offset costs, but desserts are requested. The second day will be held at Marion-Crittenden County Park at the west side pavilion. The reunion also begins at 10 a.m. that day, and, again, food will be provided for a minimal fee. "Please bring mitts, bats, balls, horseshoes, basketballs and skateboards," Copsy said. "It's a kid-friendly day." There is a Facebook page set up for Belt descendants with 211 family members. To find the page, search for "Belt Team (Humphrey Belt descen-

dants)" on Facebook. "We will gladly accept any new family member," Copsy said. "We have a multitude of pictures and documents any member can look at." Copsy can be reached at (217) 254-4357.

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Backseat driver

Ray Smith of Marion helps direct a blindfolded Ruthie Wilferd of Mayfield during the backseat lawnmower races at Salem Baptist Church's God and Country Celebration on Independence Day. Hundreds of people attended the annual one-day event.

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Duvall named assistant principal at high school

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Local educator Tammy Duvall has been named assistant principal at Crittenden County High School. Duvall will join former CCHS teacher John Curtis Brown as he begins his new role as the high school's principal.

A Murray State University graduate, Duvall has taught for 22 years in the local school district. Most recently, she taught career and tech educational classes at the high school. She has also taught for two years at the Pathway Academy and has worked with both middle and high school students.

In her new role, Duvall



Duvall

said she and Brown will work to continue to move the high school forward.

"Specifically, I will be in charge of discipline and helping continue to increase our curriculum and moving our accountability scores higher," she said.

While she will miss having a daily interaction with a specific group of students in the classroom, Duvall said she is looking forward to being able to get to know a wider range of students. She's also looking forward to collaborating with her fellow educators as she begins her new role. Over the past two years, Duvall has had the opportunity to work with teachers individually through program review.

"I'm looking forward to working with them in a different capacity," she said.

Communicating effectively with parents and students is also a priority. Duvall said the popular Rocket News Blast will continue. The weekly email notification is sent to students and parents and highlights important events taking place both on and off the high school's campus.

"I hope it will grow even stronger and reach more people," Duvall said of the Rocket News Blast. "It's a great outreach to let people know what's going on in our school and keep everyone up to date on what's coming up."

Duvall is the wife of Larry Duvall, the agriculture educator at the high school. The couple has one son.

New pastor, Combs, settling in at Marion United Methodist Church

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

David Combs is excited about the opportunity to serve as the new pastor of Marion United Methodist Church. He's also looking forward to becoming an active member of the local community.

A native of Lexington, Combs graduated from Lafayette High School in 1988. He attended Eastern Kentucky University where he was the only student on campus majoring in religion. Two years later, he transferred to Kentucky Christian College in Grayson and obtained his bachelor's degrees in Christian ministries and the Bible. In 1998, he received his masters of divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore.

Combs began his ministry as a youth minister in Russell in 1990. In 1991, he would become the pastor of Goebel United Methodist Church in Carter County. Since then, he has pastored 10 churches in six appointments. Most recently, he was the pastor of New Castle

United Methodist Church. In 2011, he was appointed to both New Castle and Eminence United Methodist churches. In April 2013, the two churches merged. The Eminence church building became the Henry County Help Center, a food pantry that serves the local community. From November of last year to two weeks ago, the food pantry served more than 1,100 people.

Outreaches like the Henry County Help Center provide opportunities where Combs said he can make a difference. While there, he formed working relationships with the Henry County judge-executive and members of the police department to help meet the community's needs.

"Anywhere between four to nine thousand pounds of food in a week were going through there. So times are getting tough. It's going to get worse before it gets better, and we have to find ways to help one another," he said.

During uncertain times, economically and socially, Combs said it's important to remind people about the power of God and the promises in His Word.

"Times are getting harder, financially and otherwise. I think we just need to remember who is in control and that He is faithful," he said.

Upon his move to Marion, Combs spent the first few days visiting local businesses and introducing himself to members of the community. He began serving as pastor of Marion United Methodist Church June 29.

"Right now, my goal is to get to know the congregation and see what it is the Lord is doing here and try and join them in that," Combs said.

In his spare time, Combs enjoys woodworking and playing the guitar.

He and his wife, Becky, have five children: Erica, 27, who came to their family at the age of 15; Andrew, 18; Emily, 15; Paul, 9; and Caleb, 5.



Combs

Divorce, grief recovery outreach programs begin locally next month

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Outreach programs for divorce and grief recovery will begin in August at Crooked Creek Baptist Church. The programs will be facilitated by Donna Girten, wife of Crooked Creek Baptist Church Pastor Mark Girten.

Girten has facilitated similar outreach programs for a decade. The two outreach programs include GriefShare and DivorceCare. GriefShare will begin Aug. 18. DivorceCare will begin Aug. 19. Both programs begin at 6 p.m. and run 90 minutes. Each program costs \$35 for 13 weeks of classes. Child care is available but individuals must pre-register.

Both programs are classified as weekly seminars and support groups are led by individuals who personally understand the subject matter. Mabel Campbell and Girten will facilitate the GriefShare outreach. Linda Smith will join Girten to facilitate the DivorceCare outreach.

"Everyone at some time in their lives will lose a loved one. But not everybody will experience a divorce. The two programs are kind of similar in that they both are 13 weeks. Each week has a different topic related to that specific recovery," Girten said.

The classes will include guidelines for getting individ-

uals through the difficulties associated with the loss of a loved one through death or the loss of a spouse through divorce.

GriefShare helps individuals face challenges associated with the death or suicide of a loved one, including the loss of a child or spouse. The program offers encouragement during a confusing time when individuals may feel isolated and have many questions about situations they have never faced before. GriefShare helps individuals face those challenges and moves them toward rebuilding their lives.

DivorceCare provides help, hope and healing for individuals who are either in the process of divorce, separated or divorced.

"We're going to shy away from giving anyone specific advice on what they should do because that really is free will, and that's something each person needs to do for themselves," Girten said about the DivorceCare program. "The best advice I have is getting on a solid foundation where you can get healthy and healed, because without you reconcile with your spouse or whether you divorce, when you get back out into the real world, you need to be equipped to han-

dle that."

Citing studies that indicate 67 percent of first marriages fail, Girten said it's important individuals properly heal before entering a new relationship and not drag wounded emotions into another relationship.

Girten said the program material for both classes is supplied by Church Initiatives, a non-denominational Biblical program from Wake Forest, N.C. She cited 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 as the motto for both outreach programs.

She feels both programs are unique and hopes community members take advantage of the information supplied through the programs.

"This is something, hopefully, people in Marion can take advantage of," Girten said. "You're not going to find programs like this unless you go to Paducah, Hopkinsville or Madisonville. That can be more than 100 miles round trip. That's just not attainable for a lot of people."

Crooked Creek Baptist Church is located 1.2 miles from Marion off Ford's Ferry Road. For more information, call (270) 969-8553 or email the church at crookedcreekbapt@gmail.com.



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TDS completes area broadband project

STAFF REPORT

TDS Telecom's broadband Internet project around Salem is now finished.

The Madison, Wisc.-based telecommunications company made the announcement last Wednesday.

Completion of this American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) broadband stimulus project means high-speed Internet service

is now available to businesses and more than 650 area households – about 100 more households than projected in the application for funding.

TDS installed more than 30 miles of fiber optics cabling and nine cabinets that protect the advanced network electronics throughout its Salem Telephone Co. area.

This is one of 44 projects TDS is receiving funding for from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) as part of the ARRA. TDS projected the cost at nearly \$2.6 million. The RUS grant covered 75 percent of the cost and TDS invested the remaining 25 percent to expand broadband to more businesses and residents.

4-H projects part of county fair

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

One of the highlights of summer is the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair. This year's fair is scheduled for July 24 to Aug. 2. Among the events for youth will be 4-H project exhibits, the youth poultry and rabbit show, the youth pet show and the youth goat show.

4-H project events are open to any youth whether or not they are currently in 4-H. The 4-H project exhibits can even be the first 4-H activity in which a youth participates.

Jessica Cummins, the 4-H Youth and Development Extension agent for the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service, said entering a 4-H project for the fair is a great way for youths to develop confidence and show their creativity. From duct tape projects to

cake decorating, youths can find a variety of classes in which to enter.

Youths entering 4-H exhibits need to follow the rules and classes listed in the fair catalog, published in next week's edition of The Crittenden Press. The catalog can also be viewed online by visiting the Extension service's website at crittenden.ca.uky.edu/CountyFair or by visiting the Extension service office for a copy of the catalog.

Beginning Monday, Cummins said participants can pick up entry forms and tags at the Extension service office.

Some 4-H project exhibits require participants to use a recipe from a project book or have rules that indicate how to prepare the exhibit. It's important to know which class the exhibit will be entered in and follow the guidelines to assure the exhibit will not be disqualified.

For more information on exhibit guidelines, contact Cummings at (270) 965-5236 or visit the Extension service weekdays from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

"It's all about building confidence in children. This is a good way to start. Plus it just encourages them to be active and do things. It may be that a lot of kids have these things at home they do for fun and can even get money for it," Cummins said.

For this year's fair, 4-H project exhibits will be entered from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 29 at the Woman's Club building located at 126 E. Carlisle St. in Marion next to the post office. The public is invited to view project exhibits from 1 to 6 p.m. July 30 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 31.

Check-out time for project exhibits will be from 3 to 5 p.m. July 31 at the Woman's

Club.

The youth poultry and rabbit show is scheduled for July 30 in the livestock barn at the fairgrounds. All animals need to have their own cage. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and judging begins at 9 a.m.

The youth pet show is scheduled for July 30. Participants must register at the cattle building at the fairgrounds beginning at 10 a.m. The show will start immediately following registration. Classes include dogs, cats and other pets. No pit bull dogs will be allowed for the show.

The youth goat show begins with weigh-in from 8 to 9:30 a.m. July 31 at the fairgrounds. The show will begin at 9:30 a.m.

For more information on entries for the 4-H or livestock competitions, contact the Extension service at (270) 965-5236.

Conservation poster contest under way

STAFF REPORT

All children in kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to enter the 2014 National Conservation Poster Contest, which is sponsored locally by the Crittenden County Conservation District.

This year's theme is "Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil" and must appear on the poster. Each poster must be created by an individual, not a group or team. The local entry deadline is Oct. 31. Posters may be delivered to the Crittenden County Conservation District office located at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion. An official entry form is required and may be filled out at the time the poster is submitted.

Entries may be submitted on poster board and be between the sizes of 8.5- by 11-inches and 22- by 28-inches. Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials). Posters will be evaluated on conservation message related to the theme (50 percent), visual effectiveness (30 percent), originality (10 percent) and universal appeal (10 percent).

Local winners will be awarded prize money according to age group. Age groups are: kindergarten through first grade, second through third grade, fourth through sixth grade, seventh through ninth grade and 10th through 12th grade.

The local prize money for each age group is first place, \$15; second place, \$10; and third place, \$5. Posters that win first place at the local level will be forwarded to state for judging and are eligible to compete for additional prizes.

Last year, Crittenden County's Hailey McCann was a state winner.

The contest is sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and the NACD Auxiliary.

For more information on entry rules or resources related to the theme, visit the NACD website at: www.nacdnet.org/dmdocuments/2013_NACD_Poster_Contest_Rules_Resources.pdf or call the Crittenden County Conservation District at (270) 965-3921, extension 3.

County, state farmland acreage in sharp decline

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

Farms and land devoted to farming in Kentucky and Crittenden County have drastically decreased in recent years, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Census of Agriculture says between 2007 and 2012, Kentucky had the greatest percentage decrease in farmland of any state in the U.S., losing nearly a million acres.

Farmland declined in the state over that period by 943,000 acres, or 6.7 percent. The number of farms in Kentucky also declined, from 85,260 in 2007 to 77,064 in 2012.

In Crittenden County, the shrinking amount of farmland was even more drastic. Total area devoted to farming in 2012 was 148,795 acres, down 7 percent from the last census in 2007. The number of farms in the county dropped by 20 percent, from 740 in 2007 to 592 in 2012.

"There's a growing demand among consumers for locally grown products," said Jennifer Dempsey, director of the American Farmland Trust's Information Center. "And if at the same time you have a significant decline in your land in farms, I would say that's a problem. You've lost almost 944,000 acres almost in one clip. That's pretty significant."

But the general trend statewide and around the country over time is that fewer acres are devoted to farms, said David Knopf, regional director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service office in Louisville. The service is the agency that conducts the census and distributes its results. The latest census was released by the USDA in May.

"Within any given year, you could have someone in (farming) one year and out the next," Knopf said. "It tends to be the relatively small farms, either in size or in the value of sales, who report in one census that they are a farm and they report in the next census that they're not a farm."

A farm is defined by the government as "any place that produced and sold, or normally would produce and sell, \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the census year."

Knopf said one operation may raise livestock and have 100 acres in one census, "so they get counted as a farm,"

Knopf said. "Well, in the next census, they're not raising any livestock and so there goes 100 acres of land in one farm. So it goes like that from one census to the next."

Kentucky probably saw a decline because some land was unproductive and some was intentionally rotated out of production, Daniel Smaldone, a spokesman for Kentucky Farm Bureau, wrote in an email.

John-Mark Hack of Versailles suspects the drop is "a lingering aftereffect of the demise of the tobacco program that no one has taken notice of." Hack is executive director of the Local Food Association, a national trade association.

"My perception is that we have a tremendous asset in productive farmland in Kentucky that is being underutilized," he said.

Other states with the largest percentage declines in farmland were Alaska (5.4 percent), Georgia (5.2 percent), Mississippi (4.6 percent) and Wisconsin (4.1 percent).

Nationwide and statewide, agriculture is about to see a huge transfer of assets, said Adam Probst, Woodford County Extension agent for

agriculture. The principal operators of Kentucky farms are getting older. The average age was 53.4 in 1997; in 2012 it was 57.6. In Crittenden County, the average age was 58.6

Estimates are that up to 70 percent of all farmland in the nation will change hands by 2025.

"There aren't that many new farmers, and we've got the oldest generation of farmers we've ever had," Probst said.

As Hack sees it, Kentucky must be "very deliberative" about its agricultural future.

"Do we embrace our agrarian heritage and societal movement to high-quality food and return the land to its highest and best purpose?" he said. "Or do we surrender it permanently to development that really has a pretty short time frame associated with it? It's a really important question that needs to be more thoroughly discussed."

Despite the drop in Crittenden County farmland from 2007 to 2012, it was up significantly from 20 years ago. In fact, farmland in use increased in 2012 by 18.9 percent from 125,133 acres in 1992.

Demolition prep of old Ledbetter Bridge expected next week

STAFF REPORT

Detailed engineering analysis work is continuing toward the start of demolition on the old Ledbetter Bridge across the Tennessee River dividing Livingston and McCracken counties.

for demolition to ramp up.

A specialty demolition contractor plans to mobilize this week with the start of some on-site demolition prep activity possibly as early as next week.

The bluff along the McCracken County side of the river has continued moving since the west approach spans dropped several inches on April 30. The land slippage has since taken out one land-based pier and the two approach spans it supported at the west end of the bridge. While there has been no impact on truss spans that cross the river navigation channel, another land-based approach pier and span are leaning and could fall at anytime, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokesman Keith Todd reported on Monday.

Transportation officials, emergency management and law enforcement continue to warn the public to avoid areas along the bluff near the bridge.

The old Ledbetter Bridge has been closed since the end of July 2013 when U.S. 60 traffic was moved to the new bridge upstream.

Revised preliminary demolition plans for the 83-year-old

structure were submitted to the U.S. Coast Guard for review last week. Due to the potential impact on barge traffic, the demolition will require close coordination between the contractor, the Coast Guard and the marine industry.

A detailed blasting plan will be submitted in the near future for Coast Guard review.

Lafarge recognized for safety innovation

STAFF REPORT

Lafarge North America has reason to be proud of its United States operations, thanks to a recent innovation award from the Portland Cement Association (PCA). The Cave In Rock Quarry located across the river in Illinois won PCA's 2014 Safety Innovation Award earlier this year.

Cave In Rock employees came up with a safer way to service the jaw crusher hopper. Used for crushing quarried rocks, the crusher hopper requires periodic maintenance and repairs. Climbing in and out of the hopper on extension ladders while carrying the necessary tools presents both a physical challenge and a potential safety risk. By repurposing equipment and materials found on site, Cave In Rock employees built a movable staircase, complete with handrails, to facilitate access to and egress from the hopper.

farge U.S. West Cement Trent Hesselschwardt. "And this is just one example of how the group here thinks outside the box to find ways to improve processes and make things safer."

The staircase solution is safer in more ways than one, since in addition to providing a handhold, it also creates a clear visual that alerts others working in the area that someone is in the hopper, and to steer clear.

"The PCA award is well deserved recognition for the group at Cave In Rock Quarry," adds Hesselschwardt. "This is a great example of innovative thinking, where form and function create an opportunity to do our jobs more safely. And the opportunity to share this idea with others is equally satisfying."

Lafarge North America Inc. has close to 200 industrial and distribution sites, including operations in Fredonia and Smithland, and approximately 2,700 employees in 40 states in its U.S. cement, aggregate and concrete businesses.



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Facts confirm atheists’ biblical name

“The fool has said in his heart there is no God,” reads Psalms 53:1.

Before our very eyes is the free gift that brings some Heaven to Earth. Yet many of the highly educated people on the planet not only ignore this, but negate it to their and millions of others’ destruction. This brings hell to Earth, which causes suffering to all of us now and hereafter.

Let us look at the facts that have been researched by several individuals and listed for all our benefit. Many great men have followed the greatest book ever written, the Holy Bible, and made life beautiful for themselves and millions of others. And many kings, despots, rouges and dictators have killed to annihilate it, while millions have given their lives to follow it.

The Bible contains 66 books, written by 40 different authors over 1,500 years in three different languages on three different continents with no historical errors or contradictions. The entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, bears the mark of divine inspiration.

When it comes to the Bible, we have the African continent writings of the Old Testament (think of all that happened in Egypt and its general area), the Asian continent (the Middle East and majority of the writings) and the European continent (Paul and John’s writings).

This is the only book in the entire world that has the power to change a mur-



derer into a kind and loving soul that would put his life on the line for strangers. It can turn a whore into a Godly, virtuous lady, a liar into an honest person, a thief into a giver instead of a taker and a greedy, evil person into a selfless philanthropist.

Consider the following paragraphs taken from the website iLoveAtheists.com in explaining why some believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God:

“First, the Bible is not just one single book – it’s a diverse collection of 66 thoroughly harmonious books with one single theme that contains a broad variety of genres: historical, narrative, epic, law, poetry, prophecy, wisdom, gospel, apocalyptic and letters. Many Christians are not aware of this fact, let alone non-believers.

“Secondly, these 66 books were written by 40 different authors. These authors came from a variety of backgrounds: shepherds, fishermen, doctors, kings, prophets, tax collectors and scholars. Most of these authors never knew one another personally...

“Thirdly, these 66 books

were written over a period of 1,500 years. Yet again, this is another reminder that most of these authors never knew or collaborated with one another in writing this alleged ‘fairytale for grown-ups written by a bunch of Bronze-Age goat herders.” Go figure, the first book was written 3,500 years before Al Gore even invented the ‘Internet.’

“Fourth, the 66 books of the Bible were written in three different ancient languages – Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic. (In the spirit of full disclosure, the next sentence is going to be an extremely long run-on sentence, on purpose for effect, for which I forewarn.) For those non-believers who that post-Moses Biblical authors had ‘access to’ and ‘understanding of’ earlier ancient Biblical texts ‘written in’ uncommon languages in order to ‘back their then-present-day writings’ into a grander ‘fully-harmonious’ New York Times Best Seller, all-the-while trusting that ‘yet-to-be-born authors’ would carry forward the ‘conspiratorial baton’ and author later books ‘perfectly harmonizing’ within 10 different genres all previous ones (previous texts that would not be aggregated, by the way, until two centuries after the last authors were martyred in horrific fashion...for a lie that would later hoodwink hundreds of millions of professed Christians for two millennia), then I have some swamp-

land in Florida that I’d like to discuss with you as a ‘sure thing’ investment.

“Fifth, these 66 books were written on three different continents: Africa, Asia, and Europe. Once again, this is a testament to the varied historical and cultural circumstances of God’s people.

“And finally, ‘You don’t read the Bible, it reads you.’ If you don’t believe our claim, try us. Start with the four gospels of the New Testament – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. If you’re feeling really bold and adventurous, before you begin, say the following words out loud or out loudless, ‘God, if you’re really real, speak to me personally through your Word – I’m open, because I truly want to know.’

“Think about the above realities: 66 books, written by 40 different authors, over 1,500 years, in three different languages, on three different continents, impacting readers personally. What’s more, this collection of books shares a common storyline – the creation, fall, and redemption of God’s people; a common theme – God’s universal love for all of humanity; and a common message – salvation is available to all who obey the Gospel and follow God with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength. Go figure, these authors had no Pony Express, no teleconferencing, no Internet, no Library of Congress and no foreknowledge that the First Council of Nicaea would

convene in A.D. 325 and actually select their little ol’ piece of prose to be included in one...astounding...perfect... harmonious...book of Scripture!

“If you do not believe that the Bible is indeed the inspired word of God, if you do not believe that the Bible is of a supernatural origin, then we challenge you to a test. We challenge you to go to any library in the world – you can choose any library you like – and find 66 books which match the characteristics of the 66 books in the Bible.”

In other words, there must be a consistent storyline running through all the 66 books you choose.

How I praise God forever and forever. He sent out His “Hound of Heaven” and chased me down to my knees in that old sawdust at Aunt Jane’s Tabernacle at

the apex of my worldly success and gave to me something – including heartaches, disappointments and being maligned and rejected by some – that I would not trade a million worlds like this one for.

As with Jesus and “the joy that was set before Him He endured....,” that same joy causes anyone to “endure unto the end” when they truly meet the Master face to face in the encounter that does truly produce the “New Birth.”

All praise to the Conqueror of all vile passions, doubts, fears, worldly desires, death and the Evil One!

(Rev. Lucy Tedrick of Marion shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

Only Christ brings true rest

By JOEY DURHAM

GUEST COLUMNIST

Today, I’d like to bring a devotion entitled, “The Consequence of the Call from Jesus,” and I’ll take my text from Matthew 11:28-30, where we read, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Jesus Christ has not only invited you to come to Him,

but as a consequence of coming to Jesus, He has promised “rest” unto your soul.

When someone who is under the heavy weight of sin stops trusting in themselves and stops working for their own salvation, and they simply come to Jesus, they enjoy the consequence of the Lord’s promise, which is “I will give you rest.”

No one can have true spiritual rest apart from Jesus Christ, for He Himself is rest. If you refuse Jesus and choose “the church” or a “religious leader” or “a good

moral life,” then you refuse “the rest” that only Jesus Christ can give.

His gift of rest is not only for this present life, but His rest is for all eternity.

This is a Bible fact and an absolute truth in God’s Word, “Only those who believe on Jesus Christ alone as their Lord and Savior can enter into His rest of perfect salvation.”

(Durham is pastor at Sturgis Baptist Church in Union County. His column appears periodically in The Crittenden Press.)

Church notes

■ An indoor flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday at Salem Baptist Church’s Christian Life Center.

■ Maranatha General Baptist Church located on Cedar Grove Road near Salem will have an old fashioned day on Sunday. Dress up and come enjoy the day. A meal will follow worship services.

■ Seven Springs Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a Homecoming Revival Aug. 3-8. Jimmy Barrett will preach. The Smith Trio will sing Aug. 3. All are invited to attend.

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<h3>SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</h3> <p>Located between Dycusburg and Frances on Ky. 70 Sunday School: 10 am Sunday Worship: 11 am, 6 pm • Wednesday: 7 pm Dr. Bobby Garland, pastor — Fundamental, Pre-Millennial, Independent —</p>	<h3>Caldwell Springs Missionary Baptist Church</h3> <p>2212 Ky. 855 • Marion, Kentucky Bro. Billy Riley, pastor Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. “We invite you to worship Jesus with us.”</p>	<h3>Crooked Creek Baptist Church</h3> <p>261 Crooked Creek Church Road, Marion, Ky. Sunday school, 10 am Sunday worship: Morning, 11 am Evening, 6 pm Wednesday Bible study, 6 pm Join us every fourth Sunday of the month for gospel singing at 6 pm</p>
<h3>Frances Presbyterian Church</h3> <p>Bro. Blitch Gray • Bro. A.C. Hodge Wednesday night prayer meeting and youth service—7 pm Sundayschool—10 am • Worship service—11 am Every fourth Sunday evening service—5:30 pm</p>	<h3>Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church</h3> <p>State Route 506 - Marion, Kentucky Sunday School 10 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Pastor Daniel Hopkins A New Beginning. Going Forward and Looking to the Future</p>	<h3>Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church</h3> <p>• Sunday school: 9:45 a.m. Bro. Steve Tinsley, pastor • Sunday worship: 11 a.m. Barnett Chapel Road • Sunday evening: 6 p.m. Crittenden County, Ky. • Wednesday night Bible study: 7 p.m. Barnett Chapel... where everyone is welcome.</p>
<h3>Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church</h3> <p>585 Sugar Grove Church Road • Marion, Ky. • 965-4435 Rev. Terra Sisco • Sunday School 10 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<h3>Mexico Baptist Church</h3> <p>175 Mexico Road, (270) 965-4059 Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Discipleship Training 6 p.m. • Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. • Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Pastor Tim Burdson Minister of Youth Robert Kirby Minister of Music Mike Crabtree Visit us at www.mexicobaptist.org</p>	<h3>Life in Christ Church</h3> <p>A New Testament church 2925 U.S. 641, Marion Sunday services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Wednesday services 7 p.m. ► Chris and Sue McDonald, pastors</p>
<h3>Marion Church of God</h3> <p>334 Fords Ferry Road • Marion, Kentucky Sunday School 10 a.m. • Morning Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Evening 6 p.m. “Where salvation makes you a member.” Lucy Tedrick, pastor</p>	<h3>Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church</h3> <p>Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Rev. Trae Gandee</p>	<h3>Marion General Baptist Church</h3> <p>WEST BELLVILLE STREET • MARION, KY Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. • Tony Perryman, Pastor For rides, call 965-0726 • Find us on Facebook!</p>
<h3>Crayne Community Church</h3> <p>Crayne Cemetery Road Marion, Kentucky Pastor Bro. Tommy Hodge Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. Sunday worship, 11 a.m.</p>	<h3>DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH</h3> <p>Marty Brown, Pastor Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. “Whatever Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. <i>It</i> Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. <i>Takes!</i>” Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297 E-mail: deerccreek@quickmail.biz • Phone 965-2220</p>	

OBITUARIES

Penn

Shelby Jean Penn, 75, of Marion died July 3, 2014, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Penn is survived by two daughters, Marilyn D'Amico of Bay St. Louis, Miss., and Sandy Belt of Marion; a son, Gary Chittenden of Marion; a brother, Charles Sisco of Marion; two sisters, Patsy Davidson of Aurora, Ill., and Dottie England of Keokuk, Iowa; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a step-grandchild; and a step-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Penn; a son, Jerald Penn; a step-grandchild; her parents, Bill and Maggie Mae Sisco; two brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services were Monday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to: Gideons International, P.O. Box 304, Salem, KY 42078; or American Red Cross, P.O. Box 4002018, Des Moines, Iowa 40340.

Easley

Donald Reed "Hurtsy" Easley, 75, of Birmingham, Ala., formerly of Marion, died July 7, 2014.

He was born on Aug. 5, 1938. In 1957, at the age of 19, he signed a professional baseball contract as a short-stop with the Detroit Tigers organization.

Easley is survived by a son, Jeffrey Easley; a brother, Jack Easley of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace Easley.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Ridout's Trussville Chapel in Birmingham. Burial will follow in Forest Crest Cemetery.

Multi-class reunion set for 1976-80 CCHS grads

STAFF REPORT

A class reunion for Crittenden County High School graduates from 1976 to 1980 has been set for Aug. 9 at Marion Country Club.

The multi-class reunion will run from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. The price for admission to the meal, program and dance is \$30 per couple or \$20 per individual. Payments must be received by July 26 for meal reservations and should be sent to: Phyllis O'Neal, 14 Penn Dr., Marion, KY 42064.

Tickets for the social and dance only, which begins at 8 p.m., are \$15 and will be sold at the door.

See the Facebook page "Crittenden Co. Mult-Class Reunion of 76, 77, 78, 79, 80" for updates.

(Editor's note: Use the exact spelling above to locate the Facebook page.)

— PAID OBITUARY —

Adams

William Glenn "Bill" Adams, 57, of Marion died July 3, 2014, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He was retired from Smith Construction as a foreman and was a member of Operators Local 181.

Adams is survived by his wife of 26 years, Kathy Carter Adams; a daughter, Julia Adams of Marion; a son, Chase Adams of Marion; his mother, Barbara Butler of Marion; a special grandson, Asher Dalton; and his aunt and uncle, Linda and Rich Hastings of Calvert City.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Harold Adams.

Graveside services were Sunday at Lola Cemetery with the Rev. Danny Starrick officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may also be left online at BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

— PAID OBITUARY —

Knight

Eric Lee Knight, 34, of Adolphus, Ky., formerly of Marion, died July 5, 2014, in Nashville, Tenn.

He was a member of the Grim Reaper Motorcycle Club.

Knight is survived by his parents, Johnny and Kay Tinsley of Marion; two children, Exavier Landen and Arien Rayne Knight, both of Scottsville, Ky.; two sisters, Roxanna Hook of Clay and Racinda Tinsley of Marion; two nephews, Logan Myers of Marion and Zander Hook of Clay; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Crowell Cemetery.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Newcom

Steven A. Newcom, 62, formerly of Chandler, Ind., died July 4, 2014, at Gentiva Inpatient Unit in Fort Worth, Texas.

He loved and played music with several bands around the community. He had retired from Standard Laboratories in Evansville, Ind.

Newcom is survived by two brothers, Michael and wife Susan Newcom of Fort Worth and Kenneth McCabe of Ellington, Mo.; five sisters, Judith and husband Harry Wilder of Chandler, Linda and husband Randy Clary of Henderson, Wanda Boorman of Evansville, Sue Allen of Evansville and Onita and husband Larry of Evansville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia McCabe; his stepfather, Denver McCabe; his father, Elmer Newcom; and a brother, Den McCabe.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Repton Cemetery.

Landers

Leora Lynch Landers, 88, of Marion died June 30, 2014, in Dallas, Texas.

She was a member of Life in Christ Church.

Landers is survived by two daughters, Wanda Faye Guess of Marion and Kathleen and husband Wayne Schraer of Shorewood, Ill.; two sons, Charles Roy Lynch of How, Texas, and Howard Lee and wife Linda Lynch of Benton, Tenn.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Lynch; a son, William Eddie Lynch; her parents, Jake and Nona Mae Cummings; four brothers; and four sisters.

Funeral services were Saturday at Life in Christ Church in Marion with interment in Deer Creek Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Wuster, 101

Norma Lorene Head Wuster, 101, of Mooresville, Ind., formerly of Salem, died July 1, 2014, at Franklin United Methodist Community Home in Franklin, Ind.

She was born Dec. 30, 1912. She graduated from Salem High School in 1930, and then married her husband, Walter Laurence Wuster, five years later on Nov. 28, 1935. She was a homemaker who loved gardening and singing.

Wuster is survived by four daughters, Jessie Melander of Mooresville, Ind., Norma Christine Fenelon of Baltimore, Md., Carolyn Panhorst of Peachtree City, Ga., and Ann Flynn of Madison, Wisc.; two sisters, Frances Arnold of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mildred Woodall of St. Charles, Mo.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Laurence Wuster; her parents, Grover Cleveland and Marjorie Thompson Head; a grandchild, Frederick Albert Lennertz III; and eight siblings.

Funeral services were Saturday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Franklin United Methodist Community Home, c/o Keith Van Deman, 1070 W. Jefferson St., Franklin, IN 46131-2199.

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— PAID OBITUARY —

Lynn

Jessica Marie Lynn, 27, of Marion died June 27, 2014, at her home.

She was a member of Maranatha Baptist Church.

Lynn is survived by her mother, Valerie Roberson of Marion; a brother, Ross Wright of Marion; her grandparents, Robert and Linda DeBoe of Marion; and two uncles, Donald DeBoe of Marion and Dean DeBoe of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lance Lynn; her father, Greg Stallion; and her grandparents, Rebecca and Bill Stallion.

Funeral services were Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Love Cemetery.

— PAID OBITUARY —

Lynn

Lance E. Lynn, 29, of Marion died June 27, 2014, at his home.

He is survived by his father, Danny Lynn of Marion; a sister, Amber "Nicky" Green of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; an aunt, Anna Duncan of Marion; and two uncles, Buddy Baker of Marion and Gary Baker of Chicago.

Lynn was preceded in death by his wife, Jessica Lynn; and his mother, June Lynn.

Funeral services were Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Love Cemetery.

Campbell

Randy Dennis Campbell, 55, of Ledbetter died July 4, 2014, at Baptist Health Paducah.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Brenda Campbell; a son, Daykota Campbell of Ledbetter; and several nieces and nephews.

Campbell was preceded in death by a brother; a sister; and his parents, Bell and Virginia Sullenger Campbell.

Graveside services were Monday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Caldwell County.

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Public Hearing

To all interested citizens of Crittenden County, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting application material under the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court intends to apply for assistance on behalf of the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum to rehabilitate the Museum located at 205 North Walker St, Marion, KY 42064. A public hearing will be held prior to the submission of the application form. The public hearing will be held on July 17th, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 South Main St., Marion, Kentucky. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate income persons in developing proposals.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at the Pennyryle Area Development District, 300 Hammond Drive, Hopkinsville, KY, during regular business hours:

- A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
- B. Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.
- C. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.
- D. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.
- E. A summary of other important program requirements.

Comments on Application

A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at the Pennyryle Area Development District for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours from July 10th, 2014 through July 17th, 2014. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Judge/Executive Perry Newcom, 107 S Main St., Marion, Kentucky until the close of business on July 17th, 2014.

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Home canned food common questions answered

Individuals have frequently asked questions involving home canned food.

One question: How long will canned food keep?

If properly sealed and stored in a cool, dry place, home canned food should keep for up to two years. However, for best quality, use within a year. Canned food stored in a warm place may lose some of its quality in a few weeks or months, depending on the temperature. Dampness may corrode metal lids, causing

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leakage and spoilage of the food.

If canned foods are accidentally frozen during storage, are they safe to eat?

Accidental freezing of canned foods does not cause spoilage unless the seal is damaged or the jar is

broken. However, freezing and thawing may affect the taste and texture of the food. For best quality, store canned foods between 50 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

If jars must be stored where they might freeze, wrap them in newspapers, place them in heavy cartons and cover with more newspapers and blankets.

Why do the undersides of metal lids sometimes discolor?

Natural compounds in some foods, especially acids, may cause a dark de-

posit on the underside of jar lids. In sealed, properly processed canned foods, this deposit is harmless.

If I find mold growing inside a jar of canned food, can I just scrape it off and eat the food?

Mold growth in foods can decrease the acidity of the food. In home canned foods, this could mean that the acid level has become low enough to allow the growth of bacteria that cause botulism or other foodborne illnesses. Any home canned food (includ-

ing jam and jelly) that shows signs of mold growth should be discarded.

How can I tell if canned food has spoiled?

- Signs of spoilage include:
- unsealed jar
 - bulging lid
 - streaking of dried foods that start at the top of the outside of the jar
 - rising air bubbles inside the jar
 - unnatural coloring of the food inside the jar
 - spurting liquid when the jar is opened
 - unnatural odors when

the jar is opened

- mold growth (white, blue, black or green) on the food surface or under the lid

For instructions on how to safely dispose of spoiled low-acid foods, please visit the National Center for Home Food Preservation website at http://nchfp.uga.edu/how/store/store_home_canned.html.

Do not taste food from any jar with an unsealed lid or one that shows signs of spoilage.



Steve Carter displays his 1891 Columbia bicycle. A member of the Wheelmen organization, Carter is cycling from the Mexican border to the Canadian border.

Retired firefighter bicycles to Canada

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Steve Carter is riding from border to border. From Brownsville, Texas near the Mexican border up to the Canadian border, Carter is riding his original 1891 Columbia bicycle through the heart of America this summer. Last Monday he made a stop in Marion.

Carter is a member of an organization called the Wheelmen. The group is dedicated to the first 100 years of cycling. In America the golden age of cycling is considered from the 1880s to the 1890s.

Wheelmen members dress the part of what early cyclists would have looked like in the early 19th Century, often wearing jackets and ties.

"They were dressed so they could get off their bikes and go into a fancy restaurant and eat and not look

out of place," Carter said. "The Wheelmen were based on a para-military type of order. When they went out to ride, they had a bugler. The bugler would sound calls telling them they were to ride two abreast, four abreast, speed up, slow down, mount and dismount."

Buglers were also important because there might be as many as 200 riders participating in a parade and those in the rear wouldn't hear the orders.

Originally from Indianapolis, Carter spent 34 years as a firefighter before he and his wife Carolyn retired in Texas.

Carter began his journey June 23. He made the trip solo until Carolyn caught up with him in a truck and trailer in Murray. She now plans to drive ahead of him and help make accommodations for the evening.

Riding five feet off the ground doesn't slow Carter one bit. He averages 80 miles a day.

On Monday afternoon, he planned on crossing the ferry that would take him into Illinois. From there, he will to peddle to Milwaukee, Wis. where the Wheelmen national meeting is being held July 16-20. Afterward, it's back on the road as he continues his journey to the Canadian border.

Carter said one pleasant experience from his road trip has been the realization that America still has friendly, helpful people willing to show kindness to strangers.

After pulling into a Subway restaurant, Carter said a stranger spoke with him for a while and later offered to pay for his meal.

"It's encouraging," Carter said. "People are friendly. America still has a lot of friendly people in it."



A crowd of over 500 people came to watch Paul Daily, aka the Horse Whisper, at the Crittenden County fairgrounds on Sunday. The show was sponsored by the Ohio River Baptist Association, Happy Trails Ministry and Lions Club.

Daily, aka Horse Whisper, visits for holiday weekend

STAFF REPORT

As part of the July 4th weekend, the Ohio River Baptist Association, Happy Trails Ministry and the Lions Club presented Paul Daily, aka the horse whisperer and a master horseman, as he gentled an unbroken colt at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds in Marion last Sunday.

Daily has been involved in gentling horses for several decades and since 1997 has used his skills as a master

horseman to present a comparison between the relationship of a horse and master to that of man and God. Daily's ministry has taken him across the United States. He has 17 more events to conduct in Kentucky over the next month.

This is the second time he has come to Marion. Sunday's event was viewed by a crowd of over 500 individuals. Several area churches relocated their services to the fairgrounds to support

the event and over 100 responded to the invitation for prayer and counseling at the end of the program.

Daily, his wife Joana, daughter Lenora and apprentice Alex, traveled from Louisiana to Kentucky to present this program. He uses gentling methods to break a horse through trust and relationship rather than force. After the event the team was scheduled to appear in Draffenville and Princeton.



Attending the Kentucky Youth Seminar from Crittenden County (from left) Makenzie Market, Extension Service intern; Anna Schnittker, returning Junior Leader; Sydney Hunt, Chloe McKinzie, Sean Watson and Meredith Hall, Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Local students attend Kentucky Youth Seminar held in Lexington

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Youth Seminar was held in Lexington on UK's campus June 18-20. Sponsored by the Council of Cooperatives and University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, the purpose of the Kentucky Youth Seminar is to introduce high school students to how America does business. It focuses on corporations, cooperatives, individual and partnership businesses.

Students learn to solve real life situations for corporations and cooperatives boards of directors.

Locally, Charlie Hunt has worked with Crittenden County students to prepare them for the state competition where several students have been awarded college scholarships, cash awards and trips to the national competition.

Results from this year's competition are as follows:

- Sean Watson:**
- \$600 scholarship
 - First place in Corporation Board Case
 - First place in individual test
- Sydney Hunt:**
- All-Expense paid trip to nationals at Virginia Tech
 - Second place in Corporation Board Case
 - Third place on individual test score
 - First place in runway ac-



Sean Watson receives congratulations at the Kentucky Youth Seminar from Dr. Quintin Tyler, Assistant Dean for Diversity at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Watson received a \$600 scholarship that can be used at any university. Watson participated in the American Enterprise Program locally before earning the trip to the state competition. He is the son of John and Tajuana Watson of Marion.

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- First place in scavenger hunt
- Chloe McKinzie:**
- First place in Cooperative Board Case
 - First place in Exercise Board Case
 - Third place in individual test
- Anna Schnittker:**
- First place in Most Creative in Project Runway

-Sixth place in Junior Leader

Students participated in the local American Private Enterprise Program held in May to become eligible to attend the state seminar. To attend the Kentucky Youth Seminar they were sponsored locally by WMJL, Farmers Bank & Trust Co., The Peoples Bank and Marion Feed Mill.

Gauthier graduates from University of Evansville

STAFF REPORT

Amanda Gauthier of Sturgis has graduated from the University of Evansville with a bachelor of science degree.

Gauthier, majoring in vi-

sual communication design, graduated during UE's 156th commencement, May 10 at the Ford Center in downtown Evansville. During the ceremony, the University awarded 595

degrees to 579 graduates.

The University of Evansville is a private, liberal arts-based university with a full-time undergraduate enrollment of approximately 2,700.

Community CALENDAR

- Friday, July 11**
- CCMS Lady Rockets basketball will be selling ribeye sandwiches at Conrad's throughout the morning. Prices are \$6 for a sandwich and \$8 for a meal which includes chips and a drink.
- Saturday, July 12**
- The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., in the meeting room at the public library. The program will include a group sharing on the history of family names.
- Wednesday, July 16**
- The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1373, will meet at 11:15 a.m.,

- at the Crittenden County Public Library. All current and retired federal employees are invited to attend the meeting.
- Thursday, July 17**
- Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council will meet at 9 a.m., at the Extension Office. The program will be presented by MeMe Purdue.
 - The Crittenden County Hospital Auxillary will hold a meeting at 4 p.m., at the hospital's education building.
- Friday, July 18**
- Diabetes Support Group will meet from 10-11 a.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Office. Call (270) 965-5236 for more information.

- Thursday, August 7**
- The next Crittenden County MAPP meeting will be held at 1 p.m., at the health department. Among topics discussed will be the youth triathlon that is planned for Labor Day weekend.
- On-going events**
- Anyone interested in starting a Kindergarten/1st grade Daisy Scout troop in Crittenden County for the 2014-15 school year contact Tara Kirk at (270) 704-1939. Early Bird registration is until July 15.
 - All veterans are invited for coffee and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. each Tuesday at the VFW building in Marion.

Outlaws stalked Ohio River travelers

I have written articles previously about the outlaws at Cave In Rock and the reign of terror that went on in this area of the county. Although Cave In Rock is in Illinois, its early history of the cave is just like a part of our history, as it was connected to our Kentucky side and many of the people who were victims got there by way of Kentucky.

This interesting article is from an old book entitled "The Ohio River" and was printed in 1906 by G.P. Putnam's Sons in New York. It comes from Chapter 9, "The Reign of Outlaw and Rowdy."

I love these early printings. I feel the earlier they were printed, the more truthful they will be, as the stories haven't been recopied and added to during the years of being reprinted. There was nothing written about Ford's Ferry or James Ford in this article.

The Reign of Outlaw and Rowdy

The pioneers who entered the Ohio Valley after its conquest from the Aborigines found it to be a beautiful gem very much in the rough. Savage conditions did not prevail, it is true, so far as scalping and burning at the stake were typical of them, but it was many years before life and property were safe from outlaws, and more before rowdies and rowdism ceased to menace liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Drifting about from place to place, setting up claims for land that rightfully belonged to others, now and then, if the exigency of the case demanded, committing brutal murder and at all ties brawling in grog-shops and pilfering along the rivers, the outlaws of the "Ohio Country" gained a national reputation.

But it will be readily admitted that in this matter there has been a vast deal of exaggeration; there was but one Micajah Harpe and but one Harpe's head raised on a pole; yet to read some pages, one would believe there was a Harpe's head on every tree in the West, and an uncouth murderer behind every bush that grew along the wild Ohio's bank of flowers.

Every new county must



needs suffer, it seems, from the pens of travelers who portray exceptional incidents so vividly as to make the exception seem the commonplace. And it is also true that local historians have been guilty of exaggeration of events in their own localities; many small affairs have assumed great proportions under the gentle breath of legend.

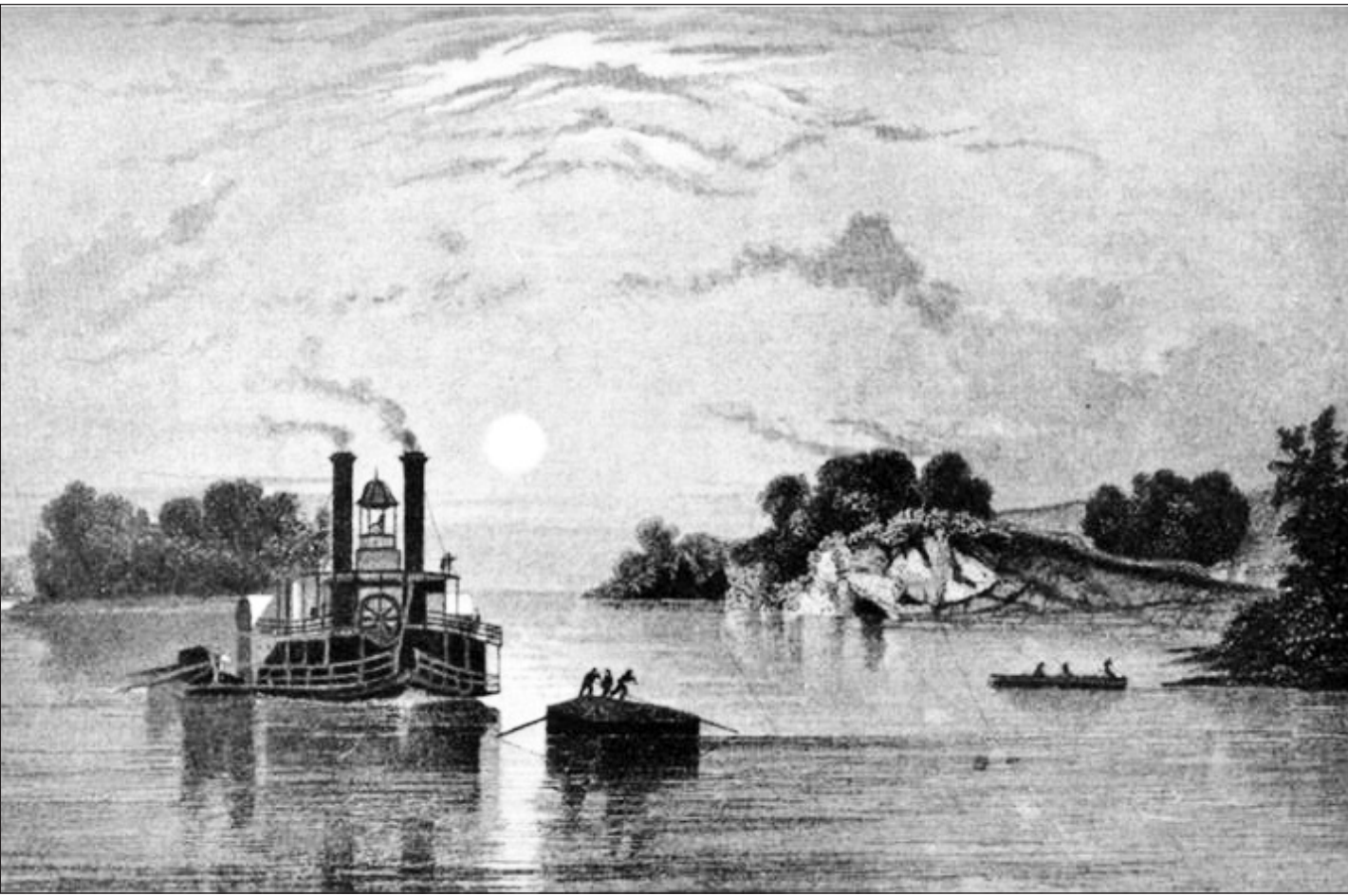
The lower Ohio River was very sparsely settled until a comparatively late date, and in pioneer days, this portion of the river was for a time a noted resort for bands of pirates from whose hands the descending flat-boatman did well to steer clear.

Cave In Rock, on the Illinois shore near the present hamlet of that name, was a notorious rendezvous for a number of years. This is a cavern measuring about 200 feet long and 80 feet wide; at its mouth it is 80 feet wide and 25 feet high. The floor was very smooth throughout and the walls arose in grades like seats in a theatre.

Strange hieroglyphics dating far back into prehistoric days covered the gloomy walls. The mystery of the place was enhanced by another room-like apartment over the cavern; the passageway to this second cavern was like a huge chimney some 14 feet long.

Since about the time of the War of 1812, if not before, this grotto has born the name Cave In Rock; about it towers a rocky eminence into which the grueling hands of the floods have torn this aperture.

Early in the century, a man named Wilson brought his family to this river stronghold and made it his home. More than that, he threw the home open to the passing public and mounted his hospitable sign, "Wilson's Liquor Vault and House of Entertainment," where not



This eerie night-time drawing appears in the book, "The Ohio River," and depicts some of the river activity near the cave at Cave In Rock which is shown on the right.

the passerby reads "St. Jacob's Oil" if the proprietor's liquids were not a balm, it was not because there were not broken heads to mend.

For the idea gained for its originator all the returns that his ingenuity deserved; flatboats were continually passing down the river to Mississippi ports and a grog-shop (an alcoholic liquor, especially rum diluted with water) at the water's edge was a feature that at that day and that place could not fail to attract both the curious and the thirsty.

As evil never fails to carry in it the seeds of its own undoing, so here the House of Entertainment soon gathered a plotting band of guerrillas headed by none other than Wilson, the proprietor, which began a murderous confidence game that take rank in the West with the worst of outrages.

The gang made its headquarters on nearby Hurricane Island and the plan of operations was fiendishly simple; richly laden, were inveigled to the cave, where in short order a crew from the island took charge of the boat and floated it to New

Orleans; here the cargo and boat were sold and upon returning to Cave In Rock the proceeds were divided. Many circumstances combined to make this conspiracy safe and the conspirators wholly free from suspicion.

The danger of the river travel on the Ohio and Mississippi was great, and so many boats were wrecked that the owners of any one of the captured boats could easily account for their loss of the score of dangerous navigation.

Then too, there were the dangers of the return overland trip from New Orleans in case the boat did reach its destination in safety; this journey through Tennessee and Kentucky, as will be shown, was perilous in the extreme for those carrying money. Thus the desperadoes at Hurricane Island were not suspected for some time, and it was longer still before the scattered population of the region took the matter into its hands.

Wilson's band numbered nearly 50; many of these escaped before the storm broke; a few were taken prisoners. A large price was set on Wilson's head and to obtain it, one

of his own murderous gang killed him. "Not long after," writes so good as authority as Collins, "In the upper room of his mysterious cavern were found about 60 skeletons, which confirmed the take of systematic confidence, betrayal and murder.

The reign of outlawism in the area was of prolonged duration, attracting wide attention and gaining for the area a reputation as unique as it was unsavory.

The river was the highway of travel, and, consequently, social conditions here came under the eye of hosts of travelers whose accounts had, often, a wide circulation. Frequently, these accounts were told with literal truthfulness and yet, as they stand, are misrepresentations.

The outlawism was a natural product of the era of disputes over land and of grubbing (clearing of the land). It was a hard time to live or let live; the good old days are written and spoken of lightly, but they must not be made to cover the first two generations of pioneer life.

The life was exhausting; the forests were to be

felled, the great logs rolled together and burned, and families reared and provided for, and usually the land to be paid for – with markets many miles away.

All this had to be done under the most difficult climatic conditions, the fevers attacking the men at their work in the wet forests, especially along the river, with regularity and often with fatal effect.

When this home-building and land-clearing was accomplished, if one had a picture, it would reveal not only the changes that had been wrought, but a host of prematurely broken down men and women, besides and undue proportion resting peacefully in a family graveyard nearby.

If one could attempt truly to chronicle merely the hardship and suffering of a day when dentist and rubber boots were unknown, the result would be too painful to be interesting reading.

(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)

WKU announces graduates list for the 2014 Spring semester

STAFF REPORT

Several individuals from the area graduated in May from Western Kentucky University, according to the college's registrar's office. Those students are:

- Amanda R. Wright, of Marion.
- Talley M. Nix, of Marion.

- Hannah R. Brantley, of Salem.
- Molly E. Stenger, of Sturgis.
- Sheena I. Markham, of Sturgis.
- Kadey E. Heidrich, of Sturgis.
- Stephanie A. Gahafer, of Sturgis.

Classic movie filmed in Livingston County to be shown on Saturday

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society will show "How the West Was Won" on Saturday in the old Courthouse in Smithland.

Portions of the 1962 movie were filmed in Smithland.

Were you an extra in this movie? Come by and share your stories with the group. Those wishing to dress in costume are encouraged to do so.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. for everyone to reminisce, socialize and enjoy the music, displays and memories. The movie will start at 5 p.m. and will be shown in the courtroom.

Concessions will be available. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

The historical and genealogical society hopes to be able to present other movies throughout the year. For more information, call (270) 928-4656.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested.

Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and use of the exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

This week's activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is chicken and dumplings, buttered spinach, baby carrots, baked apples and cornbread. The monthly fellowship dinner will begin at 5 p.m.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is meatballs with gravy, baked potato, lima beans, wheat bread slice and

dreamsicle gelatin.

- Monday: Ladies' exercise by Full Body Fitness begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is chicken strips, twice baked potato, baked pork-n-beans, wheat bread slice and pineapple slices.

- Tuesday: A Kentucky legal aide will be on hand to provide guidance beginning at 10:30 a.m. Menu is pork chop sandwich on wheat bun, buttered new potatoes, seasoned peas and brownie.

- Wednesday: Game Day with Barbara begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is ham and bean soup, half-pimento cheese sandwich on wheat bread, tropical fruit cup, cornbread and snickerdoodle.

- Next Thursday: Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is Mexican lasagna, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll and chocolate cake.

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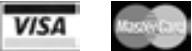
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Melissa Guill, Clerk
Crittenden District Court (1t-02-c)

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BBQ joint named to top 10 list

STAFF REPORT

Marion Pit BBQ has been named in another list of the country's top barbecue joints.

USA Today published its list of the 10 best Southern barbecue spots last weekend to mark the Fourth of July holiday.

Marion Pit BBQ, also known locally as Jack's Barbecue, was among those featured in the online article.

Jack Easley started the barbecue stand about 40 years ago and now his son Mark handles much of the prepping and cooking.

It isn't the first time the barbecue restaurant has been listed among the nation's best. Southern Living featured Easley's hickory-smoked barbecue a few years ago.

Read more on USA Today Online at [USAToday.com/experience/south/best-of-lists/10best-southern-barbecue-spots/11522747](#).



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Marion Pit BBQ was started by Jack Easley about 40 years and was recently named by USA Today as one of the nation's 10 best barbecue joints. Above, Jack's son, Mark, tends to a pair of chickens at the restaurant on South Main Street.

Signatures could help put roof on mineral museum

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Help might be on the way to repair a leaky roof at Marion's Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum. And a large show of community support could secure that help.

Crittenden Fiscal Court intends to apply for assistance on behalf of the museum through a community development block grant that would go toward the museum's roof replacement.

Prior to submission of the grant application, a public hearing on the matter will be held. The meeting is slated for 8 a.m. next Thursday at Crittenden County Courthouse. At that time, citizens can sign a petition to show their support for getting the roof replaced.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the grant is based on point values. The more citizens that attend the meeting and show support by signing the petition, the more points are received toward the grant application. Newcom said it usually takes several months before an announcement is made on whether a grant will be awarded.

Last winter's ice and snow caused damaged to the mineral museum's flat roof, creating water leaks in nearly every room in the museum. Museum officials estimate it will take \$50,000 to replace the roof. Some local businesses have shown their support by donating money toward the roofing fund. Earlier this year, Rogers Group Inc. and Hodge Sales and Service donated money toward the fund.

Clement Mineral Museum director Tina Walker said some support has also come through smaller donations made by gem and mineral clubs. Walker is asking the public to show support by signing the petition at the public hearing. Individuals can also sign a petition by visiting the museum prior to the public hearing.

The ice storm of 2009 initially damaged the museum's roof, causing it to leak in multiple locations. A winter storm last December exacerbated the problem, causing ceiling tiles to fall to the floor. After the winter storm in

March, buckets had to be strategically placed to catch water from the leaking roof. At that time, repairmen told Walker the only way to stop the leaks is to replace the roof.

The museum showcases the finest collection of flourspar gathered over a number of years by the museum's namesake, Ben E. Clement, a Marion resident who originally had the collection located in his home. The mineral museum itself is often called a hidden jewel in western Kentucky. It draws tourists from across the country.

The museum is owned by a nonprofit organization. The collection is a gift from the heirs of Ben E. Clement to the community. The collection is on permanent loan to the museum as long as the museum is open and meets specific criteria, such as keeping it safeguarded and insured. The museum has a 99-year lease from the county on its building.

Ky. last in senior, disabled services

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Seniors citizens and the disabled hoping to live on their own might want to look at moving elsewhere, according to a national report issued last month by three organizations, including the AARP, as they ranked Kentucky dead last in state-funded services for the two groups.

Released by AARP, The Commonwealth Fund and The SCAN Foundation, the report gives a state-by-state comparison of long-term services using 26 performance indicators in five dimensions of care — affordability and access, choice of setting and provider, quality of life and quality of care, support for family caregivers and effective transitions — that measure the effect of state policy on the ability of older Americans to live on their own.

Kentucky ranked 51st overall behind every state and Washington, D.C. The report put the Bluegrass State last in affordability and access and 50th in choice of setting and providers as well as quality of life and quality of care. Support for family caregivers fared only slightly better at 46th. The state also ranked 42nd for effective transitions, which compared things like the percent of nursing home residents with low care needs, nursing home stays lasting 100 days or more, hospitalizations and the percent of nursing home residents with moderate to severe dementia.

Most of Kentucky's long-term care money is funneled into nursing homes, leaving homes and community-based services scrambling to make ends meet, said Cathy Allgood Murphy, AARP Kentucky director of advocacy. Allgood Murphy said 81 percent of long-term care money goes into paying for nursing homes when statistics show home care also makes for a heavy burden on average salaries or savings.

"They (Kentucky) get all the money and it's all for institutional care, even though everyone says keeping those needing long-term care at home is cheaper and results in a better quality of life," Allgood Murphy said in a news release.

The report found that the median out-of-pocket costs for nursing homes in Kentucky were 269 percent of the median household income of people older than 65, which was a little higher here than it was than other states. Costs in Alaska were 456 percent of median household incomes of those older than 65.

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